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Caucasus: The prisoner camp in Rustavi supplies the labor force for the construction of the armament plants near Tbilisi belonging to the Transcaucasus Metallurgical Combine. 16,000 prisoners are employed as workers. 2,000 German specialists are building the plant shops, each of which measures 60 x 140 meters. After the walls and the roof have been finished, the foreign workers are withdrawn and the machinery is installed by Russian specialists.

Six huge open-hearth furnaces have been installed in the yard of the new installations of above-mentioned combine. Even the Ruhr region does not have such huge open-hearth furnaces as can be seen in Tbilisi.

A reinforced concrete bridge, 24 meters wide and 140 meters long, was built a few kilometers from the Teheran-Tbilisi highway and crosses the Kura River in front of the metallurgical combine. A dam, which diverts the Kura into a second branch off the western bank of the river, was built in front of the bridge. In summer, the river often runs dry, thus preventing operation of a power plant with 6 turbines. In order to ensure this power supply, a reserve Diesel power plant was erected 400 meters to the south.

Construction was directed by the former German Lieutenant Haug. This informant had the opportunity to see the original blueprints of the future construction plans of the metallurgical combine. They indicated that a much larger area for additional plant buildings is planned to the south of the already completed ones. The latter area is located at the eastern bank of the river.

The German construction engineer Busch prepared the detailed plans and models according to Soviet instructions. These plans were accepted almost without alteration and will be further expanded. Under Hitler Engineer Busch was the originator of large-scale city planning and had become famous as a city planner in Germany. Today the Russians are making use of his experience. He is not the only German architect whose knowledge is being utilized south of the Caucasus.

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